



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Children are Texas' next generation of leaders and brightest rays of hope for the future. Every responsible person will agree that children deserve to grow up in a nurturing environment free from harm and fear. Sadly, child abuse — physical, sexual, or emotional — is far too common in our society. In 2018 alone, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services confirmed more than 66,000 cases where innocent children were victims of abuse or neglect.

Across the Lone Star State, children's advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, social workers, and government agencies work daily to stop this unconscionable crime through education and awareness. Through their compassion and dedication, they create safe, happy, and healthy environments for children to grow and thrive.

Each year, the month of April is dedicated to raising awareness of the pervasiveness of child abuse and promoting the safety and well-being of all children.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in renewing our commitment to preventing child abuse, to learn the signs of abuse, and to honor our duty as Texans to report any suspicions of abuse. We can all work toward a brighter future.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2019 to be

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
Governor of Texas